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Ms. Donna Searcy
Secretary, FCC
1919 M Street NW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: FCC Docket 92-235 Frequency Re-Farming

Dear Ms. Searcy:

As a member of the Law Enforcement community in the State of Alabama, I am very concerned with the impact of the implementation of FCC Docket 92-235 dealing with Frequency Re-farming, and the elimination of existing Part 90 Rules and Regulations. In theory these changes may produce spectrum efficiency in the VHF and UHF designated frequencies. In reality these changes will place a financial burden on the agencies involved. The Alabama citizens who count on these agencies to provide public service in life-threatening and loss of property situations will be the ones who truly are forced to "pay" in this situation.

Agencies will be forced to use money set aside for training, and other equipment needs, and reassign it to pay for the changes that will be necessary to keep two-way communications operating. As in many states, Alabama is experiencing problems with the tax base that funds the educational system. It is from this educational budget that we receive our operating funds. The past several years this budget has been under proration, all schools, and respective departments of those schools, have had to cut costs to the minimum. This situation has forced departments to postpone many scheduled equipment purchases to replace outdated and non-functioning equipment, as well as personnel additions, raises, and benefit updates. Couple this situation together with an unexpected major expenditure of this magnitude and it means further cut-backs at the expense of the general public. Lay-offs, equipment loss, reductions in coverage area, are all possibilities.

Thank you for your consideration of my concerns. If I can be of service, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Steve Tucker

Steve Tucker, Director
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